

**DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113, 1:30 P.M.**

**I. MAYOR**

- \*1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng and U.S. Cellular representatives news conference, 9:30 a.m., 09/21/06, at McPhee Elementary School.
- \*2. Washington Report - September 15, 2006.
- 3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Seng and Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) representatives break ground of NSAA's state headquarters. Thursday, September 28, 2006, 2:00 pm, North of Haymarket Park baseball/softball complex.
- 4. Washington Report - September 22, 2006

**II. DIRECTORS**

**FINANCE/BUDGET**

- \*1. Material from Steve Hubka - RE: September Sales Tax.
- 2. Monthly City Cash Report.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH ENDOWMENT**

- 1. Media Release. Medicare Part D Re-enrollment Forums Scheduled in Lincoln.

**HEALTH**

- \*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Clean Up Litter From Shorelines Of Local Lakes-Join volunteers worldwide as part of the International Coastal Cleanup.

**PLANNING**

- \*1. Response E-Mail from Jean Walker to Ben Schiltz - RE: Support: County Special Permit #06051, Nebraska Motorplex race track.
- 2. 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan Update available on line.

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION**

- \*1. Use Permit #06005 (South 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Yankee Hill Road) Resolution No. PC-01016.
- \*2. Special Permit #06048 (North 48<sup>th</sup> Street & Cornhusker Highway) Resolution No. PC-01014.
- \*3. Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 06011 (Permanent Conservation Easement - People's City Mission, NW corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and S Street, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Q and R Streets) Resolution No. PC-01015.
- \*4. Special Permit No. 06046 - Dakota Springs Community Unit Plan (S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and W. Saltillo Road) Resolution No. PC-01017.

### **PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

- \*1. Response E-Mail from Scott Opfer to Mr. Restau - RE: 27<sup>th</sup> & Sumner Pedestrian Signal.
- \*2. Email from Nicole Fleck-Tooze - RE: Clarification regarding 06R-181 (Approved 9/18).

### **WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY**

- \*1. Combined Weed Program - City of Lincoln - August 2006 Monthly Report.

## **III. CITY CLERK**

## **IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **ROBIN ESCHLIMAN**

- 1. Letter from Louise Heiselman, 3918 Madison Avenue, re: Opposed to closing North 44<sup>th</sup> Street at rail crossing.

### **ANNETTE McROY**

- 1. Request to Harry Kroos, Public Works & Utilities Dept.-Sidewalks - RE: Sidewalk Repair (RFI#172 - 8/17/06)

### **PATTE NEWMAN**

- 1. Letter from Rob Bechtolt, with attached newspaper article, re: Wheel tax.
- 2. Letter from Louise Heiselman, 3918 Madison Avenue, re: Opposed to closing North 44<sup>th</sup> Street at rail crossing.
- 3. Correspondence from Barbara Morley re: Antelope Valley Plan and House Moving Program, with correspondence from JAVA (Joint Antelope Valley Authority) - Wayne Teten and response to JAVA

## **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

- \*1. Email from Ronald Hense - RE: In support of Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County.
- \*2. Email from David Zachek - RE: In support of Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County.
- \*3. Email from Justin Willadsen - RE: In support of Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County.
- \*4. Email from David Newman - RE: In support of Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County.
- \*5. Email from Justin Pfeiffer - RE: In support of Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County.
- \*6. Email from Joshua Ekstrum - RE: In support for Mr. Greg Sanford and the building of a NHRA drag strip.
- \*7. Email from Tom Weksser - RE: Strongly urge you to oppose Zoning Change Pius X for the following reasons.

- \*8. Five (5) emails from Shannon McGovern - RE: In support of the Drag strip in Lancaster County.
- \*9. Email from Chris Stokes, OMALiNK, Inc. - RE: Press Release - OMALiNK Can Now Serve Lincoln, PSC Reverses Decision-Company Affirms Limousine Authority, and Gains Open Class Authority to Operate its Vans within Lincoln.
- \*10. Email from Wayne Boles - RE: City Funding.
- \*11. Email from Tom & Twyla Hansen - RE: Railroad Crossing at 44<sup>th</sup> & Cornhusker Hwy.
- \*12. Email from Ben Schiltz - RE: Nebraska Motorplex race track.
- \*13. Letter from George Green, President, Capital Humane Society Board of Directors - RE: Writing on behalf of Capital Humane Society with a concern about the Council's response to the comments of Mr. Meyer during the Council Meeting of September 11, 2006.
- \*14. Email from Sheila Wall - RE: Down-zoning 40<sup>th</sup> & A Neighborhood.

## **V. MISCELLANEOUS (Received Week of October 2, 2006)**

### **In Favor of / Supporters of County Special Permit No. 06051, Motorsport Facility/Drag Strip**

- 1. Email from Brad Schuch.
- 2. Email from Kelvin Blessing.
- 3. Response to Kelvin Blessing from Planning Commission.
- 4. Email from Troy Kinnamon.
- 5. Response to Troy Kinnamon from Planning Commission.
- 6. Email from Jeff Wecker.
- 7. Response to Jeff Wecker from Planning Commission.
- 8. Email from Michael Garrison.
- 9. Response to Michael Garrison from Planning Commission.
- 10. Email from P. D. Gropp.
- 11. Response to P. D. Gropp from Planning Commission.
- 12. Telephone message from Margaret Vogt.

### **Other Miscellaneous Correspondence Received Week of October 2, 2006**

- 1. Email from John Kraft, Vice President-Business Development of Caldwell Tanks, Inc.
- 2. Email from Caldwell Tank Builders, Composite of Elevated Tanks.
- 3. Copy of letter to James Wailes, American Water Works Association Standards Council, from Anne M. Northup, House of Representatives, re: Industry approved standards for construction of composite elevated tanks for water storage.
- 4. Email from Amanda Hefner re: Do not demolish the Starship 9 Theatre.
- 5. Email from Yvonne Nelson re: Support down-zoning of the 40<sup>th</sup> and A Neighborhood.
- 6. Email from Brian Nehe re: Consider down-zoning in new housing developments.

7. Email from Russell Miller for Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance re: In favor of down-zoning action.

**Correspondence received on Item #06R-190 - Group Home Change.**

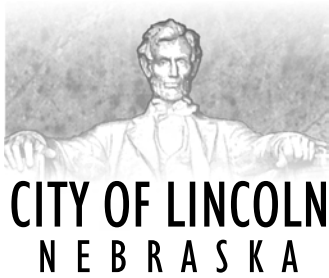
**Vote against 06R-190. Do NOT increase number of residents allowed in a home and do NOT decrease the spacing requirements between homes.**

1. Email from Andy Beecham.
2. Email from Dana Wright.
3. Email from Cheryl Frederick.
4. Email from Katherine Banta.
5. Email from Amy Kobza Deutsch.
6. Email from Mat and Cynthia Brammeier.
7. Email from Charlie Griesen.
8. Email from Katie Slean.
9. Email from Jennifer Meier-Bassen.
10. Email from Brenda J. Wilcher.
11. Email from Sara Voss
12. Email from Julia Larson.
13. Email from Melissa McKibbin.
14. Email from Ruben Spretz, Ph.D.
15. Email from William Carver.
16. Email from Corale Carver.
17. Email from Wendy Smith.
18. Email from Sarah Bauman.
19. Email from Margaret Slean.
20. Email from Phil Porter.
21. Email from Thena Kosmicki.
22. Email from Melinda Nolan.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*HELD OVER UNTIL OCTOBER 2, 2006.**

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# NEWS ADVISORY

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MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

[lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

**DATE:** September 27, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) will break ground for the NSAA's new state headquarters at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 28. The site is north of the Haymarket Park baseball/softball complex, on the north side of Charleston Street.

# WASHINGTON REPORT

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**Washington Report**

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## BUDGET DEAL WILL HURT DOMESTIC SPENDING

### BUDGET

Defense spending deal with White House threatens domestic programs. In a deal announced yesterday, congressional leaders agreed to an additional \$5 billion in FY 2007 defense spending sought by the White House, which is likely to be offset by cuts in domestic discretionary programs.

Earlier this year, moderate Republicans in both the House and Senate thought they had secured a promise from GOP leadership that they would support up to \$7 billion more in domestic spending than was requested by the President. Although each chamber used different accounting methods to achieve that goal, it was generally understood that the Defense Department budget, one of the few slated for an increase, would be trimmed to accommodate the deal. Now that the deal has been essentially scuttled, programs at agencies such as HUD, Transportation, Labor, HHS, and Justice are likely to experience some unexpected reductions. Since the FY 2007 budget is not expected to be finalized until December, it is not yet known if specific programs will suffer, or if Congress will resort to an across-the-board cut of domestic discretionary programs.

In addition, a House-Senate Conference Committee continued work this week on the Homeland Security spending measure (HR 5441) that is expected to become a vehicle for port security and chemical security legislation. Conferees have agreed on a total FY 2007 spending level of \$34.8 billion for the Department of Homeland Security, but continue to work out the details for individual programs and in the related bills.

For programs funded by all of the FY 2007 spending bills not expected to be approved prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, the Defense bill is expected to

include a Continuing Resolution (CR) funding them at their FY 2006 levels through November 17. Since that would only allow Congress six days to complete work on the FY 2007 budget when they return after the election, at least one more CR is expected before a FY 2007 budget is finalized.

Appropriators and the congressional leadership now face some difficult decisions. Congressional leadership will still face strong pressure from the Republican moderates to fully fund domestic discretionary programs. Given almost certain unanimous opposition from Democrats, the leadership will not be able to afford any defections from the Republicans as they try to complete work on the FY 2007 appropriations.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Senate telecom bill will not reach the floor prior to November. Speaking to reporters this week, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) publicly acknowledged that he does not yet have enough votes to bring comprehensive telecommunications legislation (HR 5252) to the floor. Stevens had embarked on a very public quest for the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster expected to be mounted by supporters of stronger "network neutrality" language in the bill.

Stevens had hoped to secure Senate approval of his legislation prior to September 29 adjournment date and conduct a House-Senate conference committee to iron out differences between the two bills during the expected "lame duck" session of Congress in November and December. Even if Stevens is somehow able to garner 60 votes for his bill by November, the significant differences in the House and Senate bills will make it extremely difficult to complete action this year.

Stevens also maintained this week that he is not interested in breaking off sections of his bill and attaching them to other pieces of legislation more likely to move this year. There had been reports that he was considering attaching the authorization of a \$1 billion interoperable communications program to the FY 2007 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill last week. In addition, telephone companies have been urging Stevens to attempt to move a stand-alone bill that provides them with video franchising relief.

Local government organizations are opposing the Senate bill, primarily over amendments added to the measure during the Commerce Committee markup of the bill this summer that were not supported by Stevens. They include language to place a three-year moratorium on new and/or discriminatory state and local taxes on wireless services, as well as a permanent extension of the current moratorium on taxation of Internet access fees.

## IMMIGRATION

House begins piecemeal approach to immigration reform. Seeing little chance of approving comprehensive immigration reform prior to the November elections, the House approved three separate security-related bills this week in order to provide Members with some progress to report on the campaign trail next month.

Of particular interest in the trio of bills was a measure (HR 6095) that would reinforce the ability of state and local law enforcement agencies to investigate, identify, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer illegal aliens to Federal custody aliens in the course of carrying out routine duties. However, the bill is also clear that agencies would not be required to perform those duties, or report the identity of a victim of, or a witness to, a criminal offense to the federal government for immigration enforcement purposes or arrest a victim or witness for a violation of federal immigration laws.

The other two bills approved would make it easier for illegal immigrants who are gang members to be denied entry or deported (HR 4830), and make tunneling under U.S. borders a criminal offense. The Senate is expected to take up a House-Passed bill (HR 6061) next week to create

700 miles of fence along the southern border. While Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) voiced his opposition, he did not indicate whether Democrats would attempt to block the measure.

In a related item, House representatives to the House-Senate conference committee on the FY 2007 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill are reportedly pushing for inclusion of language in the final version that would deny federal homeland security funds to states and local governments that have confidentiality (or "sanctuary") policies relating to the enforcement of immigration laws. There is a similar provision in the House version of the FY 2007 Department of Justice appropriations bill relating to funds in that measure.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities are actively opposing the language, claiming that it would hinder local relationships with the immigrants and as a result, jeopardize public safety and public health.

## WATER RESOURCES

Senate names WRDA conferees. House panel approves dam safety measures. Increasing hope that a reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) could be achieved, the Senate this week named its representatives to a House-Senate conference committee to iron out differences between the two versions. House conferees were announced last week.

At issue is a \$2 billion difference in funding levels between the two bills, as well as language to institute reforms at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The "Corps reform" issue has been the major roadblock to completion of a WRDA bill over the last four years. WRDA is traditionally renewed every two years, but was last approved in 2000 (see September 15 *Washington Report* for additional details).

Reports are that staff are making progress but were unable to come up with a package for consideration by conferees this week. If no agreement

can be reached next week, completion of the measure will have to wait until after the November elections.

Also this week, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved two pieces of legislation relating to dam safety. Both measures were approved on the subcommittee level last week (see September 15 *Washington Report* for additional details). The first bill (HR 4981) would increase the authorization level for dam safety programs at FEMA by over \$4 million annually, while the second (HR 1105) would create a new \$350 million grant program at FEMA for state and local governments to conduct dam repair.

There is no scheduled floor action on the bills, but language similar to that in HR 4981 is included in the Senate version of WRDA.

## TRANSPORTATION

Mary Peters expected to be confirmed as new DOT Secretary. Senators from both sides of the aisle signaled enthusiastic support at a confirmation hearing this week for Mary E. Peters, President Bush's nominee to head the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Peters appeared before the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, which is expected to send the nomination to the full Senate sometime next week, according to Committee staff. Senators who were not at the hearing had until 10:00 a.m. yesterday to submit written questions to the nominee. According to Committee staff, a few questions were submitted and the Committee is now waiting for Peter's response. Then, Committee members will be asked to vote on her nomination.

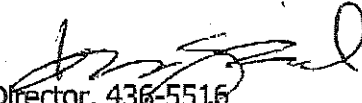
Peters was tapped September 5 to succeed former Secretary Norman Mineta, the nation's longest serving DOT Secretary, who stepped down July 7 after five and a half years on the job. She is a former head of the Arizona Department of Transportation and served in the top position at the Federal Highway Administration from 2001-2005.

Community Health Endowment of Lincoln



## Media Release

**To:** Media

**From:** Lori Seibel, Executive Director, 436-5516 

**Date:** September ~~28~~<sup>27</sup>, 2006

**Re:** Medicare Part D Reenrollment Forums

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### Free Medicare Part D Forums Scheduled in Lincoln

***Have you not yet enrolled in the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D)?***

***Do you want to change your Part D plan selection?***

***Do you have questions about Part D coverage?***

Last year, every person eligible to receive Medicare coverage was given the opportunity to make a decision about the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, commonly referred to as Part D. Between November 15 and December 31, 2006, all persons eligible for Medicare, even those who have not yet enrolled in a Part D plan, will have the chance to enroll in or change their Drug Benefit plan selection.

To assist persons who wish to enroll, are considering switching plans, or want additional information, including information about the coverage gap between standard and catastrophic coverage (sometimes called the "donut hole"), four FREE, 60-minute forums will be held in Lincoln. The forums, sponsored by the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln, Lancaster County Medical Society, Lincoln Area Agency on Aging and the Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) will be held as follows:

**Belmont Senior Center,  
1234 Judson Street  
Thursday, September 28, 2006, 10:00 am**

**Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd  
1540 N. Cotner Blvd.  
Monday, October 2, 2006, 6:00 pm**

**Westgate Bank, 6003 Old Cheney Rd  
6003 Old Cheney Road  
Wednesday, October 4, 2006, 6:00 pm**

**Malone Community Center  
2032 U St.  
Monday, October 9, 2006, 10:00 am**

Questions about the forums? Contact the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln at 436-5516 or the Lancaster County Medical Society at 483-4800.



## OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

TO: MAYOR COLEEN SENG & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business August 31, 2006:

Balance Forward	\$	\$190,584,918.39
Plus Total Debits August 1-31, 2006	\$	\$41,926,227.72
Less Total Credits August 1-31, 2006	\$	(\$42,357,965.02)
<b>Cash Balance on August 31, 2006</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$190,153,181.09</b>

I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	(\$43,813.82)
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(\$12,307.33)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	(\$6,159.99)
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$22,441.27
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$67,481.93
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$332,099.09
West Gate Bank	\$	\$30,439.43
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$34,315,680.70
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$155,416,082.55
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$31,237.26
<b>Total Cash on Hand August 31, 2006</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$190,153,181.09</b>

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$69,974,212.79 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

*Joan E. Ross*  
Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



*Melinda Jones*  
Melinda Jones, City Treasurer

# CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT

## AS OF AUGUST 31, 2006


DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7UU6	12/01/2009	\$1,191,991.00	\$58,754.46	1.04	\$60,899.35
FHLMC GOLD POOL B13665	312966CA0	04/01/2019	\$10,000,000.00	\$7,804,980.50	0.94	\$7,319,093.15
FHLMC FGTW C90689	31335HXS7	07/01/2023	\$11,150,000.00	\$8,172,713.17	0.95	\$7,758,748.91
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/2033	\$500,000.00	\$313,816.67	0.96	\$301,415.42
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/2032	\$3,100,000.00	\$1,668,817.30	0.96	\$1,603,387.81
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/2025	\$1,600,000.00	\$38,197.07	1.02	\$38,778.29
FNMA FNCL 538363	31385AB89	04/01/2030	\$550,000.00	\$29,605.86	1.06	\$31,277.51
FNMA FNCL 682970	31400BW77	02/01/2018	\$7,100,000.00	\$3,543,209.92	0.96	\$3,406,649.64
FNMA FNCL 703944	31401CBM4	05/01/2033	\$8,365,000.00	\$4,950,220.04	0.96	\$4,754,599.72
FNMA POOL 725772	31402DJR2	09/01/2034	\$8,500,000.00	\$6,636,213.16	0.96	\$6,365,365.41
FNMA FNARM 764364	31404CFD7	06/01/2034	\$9,943,084.00	\$7,684,320.47	0.96	\$7,402,766.97
FNMA FNARM 768922	31404HG78	06/01/2034	\$4,400,000.00	\$3,607,450.22	0.97	\$3,485,843.43
FNMA FNCL 805211	31406BR85	01/01/2035	\$3,520,000.00	\$3,257,175.61	0.93	\$3,035,625.78
GNMA-2 G2JO 3156	36202DQH7	11/20/2016	\$2,550,000.00	\$644,833.77	1.00	\$642,022.49
GNMA-2 G2JO 3194	36202DRP8	02/20/2017	\$4,130,000.00	\$1,181,679.36	1.00	\$1,176,743.48
<b>USBANK NE</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$76,600,075.00</b>	<b>\$49,591,987.58</b>		<b>\$47,383,217.36</b>
FNCL 256023 6.00%	31371MLC9	12/01/2035	\$11,300,000.00	\$10,117,082.44		\$10,130,630.53
FNCL 831549 6.00%	31407HZN9	05/01/2036	\$850,000.00	\$842,408.89		\$843,312.71
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	08/20/2032	\$30,800,000.00	\$2,974,388.65		\$3,035,826.58
GNSF 781210 6.50%	36225BKX5	09/15/2029	\$8,700,000.00	\$657,294.22		\$673,660.28
<b>WELLS FARGO BANK NE</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$51,650,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,591,174.20</b>		<b>\$14,683,430.10</b>
FHLB 4.00	3133XAT56	03/10/2008	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00		
FHLB 4.30%	3133XBNR2	04/18/2008	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		
<b>UNION BANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>		
FHLB 2.665%	31339YVL3	02/14/2007	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
FHLB 3.10%	3133X2Z81	12/29/2006	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00		
FHLB 3.065%	3133X4VW8	09/28/2007	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
FHLB 2.50%	31339YWE8	02/13/2007	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
FHLB 3.07%	3133MYND5	02/22/2007	\$2,300,000.00	\$2,300,000.00		
<b>CORNHUSKER BANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$11,300,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,300,000.00</b>		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/2009	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB TOPEKA LOC	LOC #9004	04/10/2007	\$2,000,000.00			
<b>WEST GATE BANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #8862	03/23/2007	\$2,000,000.00			
<b>TIER ONE BANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>			

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Marvin Krout, Planning Director 

**SUBJECT:** 2030 CP/LRTP Update - Planning Commission Review Edition available

**DATE:** September 21, 2006

**COPIES:** Jean Walker

The Planning Commission Review Edition of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan Update is now available online. To view the document, go to the Interline website at << [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov)>> and enter the keyword "cplrt" in the search box.

You can view the draft version in full color, the legislative format version which shows all changes made to the text in strike-out and underline form, and a memo summarizing changes made since the last Planning Commission workshop on August 30, 2006.

If you have any questions or difficulty accessing the documents, please contact Steve Henrichsen at 441-6374 or [shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov) , or Sara Hartzell at 441-6372 or [shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov) .

September 7, 2006

RECEIVED

SEP 26 2006

CITY COUNCIL  
OFFICE

Robin Eschliman  
City Council Member  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mrs. Eschliman:

I read with interest the City is investigating closing N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street at Cornhusker Highway to eliminate the need for rail traffic to sound their warning whistles. It's my understanding this is a result of a request signed by a number of property owners near this intersection. I would like to take this opportunity to request that crossing not be closed. Those of us who have lived in University Place for a number of years are quite accustomed to the sounds of the rail traffic. During the Spring and Summer months, and on cold, clear nights, the sounds of those whistles carry for miles. That crossing is the only one between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Streets that is available during intense rains and when the underpass at 48<sup>th</sup> Street fills with water. In my opinion, that intersection needs to be improved to carry more traffic. There are several of us who use that crossing at least three and sometimes four times each week. We travel as a group to and from our church meetings. It seems to me the folks who have built near the highway over the last few years are a little bit like the people who move next to the airport and then want it to move. In this case, it's not just train whistles that we hear, it's the air horns on trucks, the roar of motorcycle engines, and every other sound that comes with some type of a traffic corridor. Even if 44<sup>th</sup> were closed, the trains will still blow their whistles when they cross 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. You're not going to eliminate all of the noises that people seem to resent.

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Louise Heiselman  
3918 Madison Avenue  
Lincoln, NE 68504  
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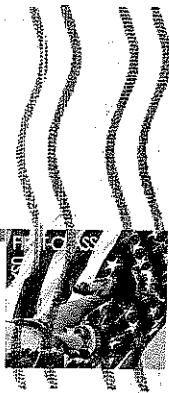
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# Flood issues beatable, panel is told

Mayor's arena task force hears from assistant planning director; financing options are available.

BY DEENA WINTER  
Lincoln Journal Star

The mayor's arena task force met Thursday and learned flood plain issues can be overcome and financing options are available to build a new entertainment arena in Lincoln.

Assistant Planning Director Kent Morgan told the committee flood plain issues at all three prospective arena sites could be overcome.

The task force has been meeting

since early 2005 to look at the feasibility of building an arena to replace the city's 50-year-old Pershing Center. It has zeroed in on three possible sites for a new arena: the current site of the downtown post office near Seventh and H streets; directly west of Lincoln Station; and south of the Harris Overpass.

"It is doable," Morgan reported. And there are ways to pay for it.

City Finance Director Don Herz presented the task force with alternatives to come up with what is now an estimated \$24 million for an arena, parking garage, new roads and surface parking. The cost of the arena and parking garage alone is now estimated at \$160 million, compared to previous estimates of \$95 to \$100 million.

The task force is banking on private investors to build a nearby hotel and convention center at an esti-

mated cost of \$95 million. Herz identified 17 potential revenue sources totaling \$23 million annually, which could be bonded: a city occupancy tax on hotels and car rentals; the county lodging tax; a general obligation bond; a local sales tax and a \$5 increase in the wheel tax.

He also identified another 17 possible one-time sources of cash totaling \$43 million, including donations, federal highway funds, state roads funds and city street funds.

The task force previously has recommended that the State Fair Park and the Lancaster Event Center combine venues, with a new or expanded exposition for ag events, fairs, and animal and trade shows.

And Herz presented ways to pay for a campus at a total estimated cost of \$60 million. But when talk

turned to various scenarios to combine management and marketing of the city's various event venues, representatives of the State Fair and Event Center spoke up.

That's when it became clear the task force may have a bigger challenge trying to get the State Fair Board and Lancaster County Agricultural Society to consolidate, as has been suggested by the mayor to avoid duplication of Lincoln venues.

Representatives of both boards made it clear Thursday they're not interested.

Tam Allan, representing the State Fair Board, said the board isn't interested in getting involved in anything that seeks millions of public dollars, particularly since Nebraska voters only recently approved using lottery money to resuscitate the state fair.

Allan said one "near-death experience" for the state fair was enough, referring to the state fair's fight for life prior to the infusion of lottery dollars.

The mayor charged the task force with examining ways to prevent duplication, and Allan said the task force should report back with this message: "Here's the good news: There isn't."

He suggested the inclusion of the state fair and event center in plans was needed to help finance the arena.

Alan Wood, representing the Ag Society, seconded that emotion, saying the elephant in the room was that neither side is interested in moving, and the task force needs to honor that wish. The Ag Society is planning an up to \$20 million expansion of the event center.

Roger Larson, task force mem-

ber and planning committee argued that the public should prove the two venues different from each other.

"I don't think that the going to allow us to have 1 and jeans venues," he said, referring to the state fair's event center on 84th Street.

Task force member Seacrest said Lincoln's event facilities need to be in order to attract and retain people, and there's a lot of public dollar amount of public dollar them.

And with those two logged heads, the group's Dick Campbell, suggested group take up the issue at meeting next week.

Reach Deena Winter at 473-2642 or dwinter@journalstar.com.

September 7, 2006

Patte Newman  
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September 26, 2006  
700 North 24<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lincoln, NE 68503

Ms. Patte Newman  
Chairperson, Lincoln City Council  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Patte:

I am sending this letter to all members of the city council, even though some of it may only make sense to those of you who were serving at the time that the Antelope Valley Plan was passed and the House Moving program was discussed. In addition to my comments, copies of correspondence from Wayne Teten to me and Ed Patterson, and my answer to Mr. Teten, are attached. I am increasingly disappointed with our public servants. From time to time, some of you may feel the same.

There are two main issues (and a few sub-issues) that I will outline below.

The **first issue** is with regard to the purpose for the condemnation of Ed's properties on 'S' St. Ed owns (owned) two properties on 'S' St. that he wanted to use in a development of the block on 'S' Street between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Prior to Antelope Valley he had an Option to purchase most the block and had invested his time and money in plans that are valued at > \$450,000 (*yes, the plans alone*) for a mixed use development. The properties were acquired using eminent domain last year, with no reimbursement for the plans, ostensibly for the channel right-of-way. We re-purchased the houses for relocation. At subsequent Antelope Valley meetings, Ed's properties appeared with buildings on them. To make a long story short, the Malone Center (a private entity) presented plans to develop an African-American cultural center on the land. After a phone conversation with Joel Pederson, Kent Seacrest appeared at the next meeting and said that those plans could no longer be shown in their power point presentations. In discussions with Mr. Pederson, I was unable to get him to verify that Ed's properties would not change hands. His answer was that Ed no longer owns them and cannot say how they will be used in the future.

Thus, the first issue is why these properties were taken and whether they can change hands to a private entity for the purpose of construction. Either they were needed for the channel or they were not. According to Mr. Pederson and Mr. Seacrest, the "public process" will be used to determine if the use should be changed. In other words, you will be asked to approve it after the public (JAVA's appointed committee) proposes it.

As you probably know, this raises some legal issues. The first being that the property was acquired for one purpose (public purpose) with another one in mind (transferring it to a private entity). The second being that the House has passed a bill, and the Senate is considering a similar one, that would prevent private takings with the

penalty of the loss of federal funding. Ed's houses are still located on these properties, but if they should be rapidly removed, JAVA could claim that their actions preceded passage of the new law and that the issue is moot. It is debatable whether they could get away with these arguments. Nonetheless, they have good reason to want to bulldoze us with great haste.

That brings me to the **second issue**. Ed and I have spent hundreds of hours attempting to make something of this House Moving program that would benefit Lincoln's urban neighborhood(s). We did this under the assumption that our properties were going to be used for a public use project. We are doing this for the public good, not for economic gain. It would appear, however, that we are playing some sort of "Mother may I" game with JAVA and our city officials.

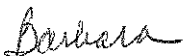
We have expended enormous energy (in a year when we were also relocating our residence and businesses) to come up with a workable plan. Each of our plans meets with some sort of insurmountable obstacle, no cooperation from JAVA, and no help (financial or otherwise). The only lots proposed through JAVA are ones that none of you and none of them would ever consider moving to or near. At the end of the day, we are now being accused of "holding out." Nothing plus nothing is nothing. Holding out for something from them is like holding out that the devil will save your soul.

It is not clear to us that Federal funds for continuation of the Antelope Valley will be forthcoming in 2007 since a budget has not been passed, nor that our properties need to be moved by JAVA's imposed deadline. Furthermore, the time spent in trying to comply with their most recent vague requests for our financial information by October 2 is just one more tactic to distract us.

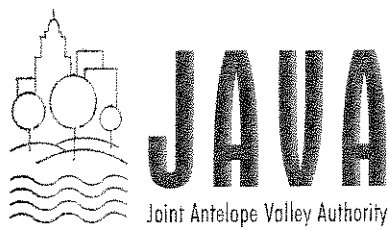
What is perfectly clear is that JAVA has a motive in attempting to bully us out of here at this time so that they will not (or think they will not) be accountable to anyone should they choose to change their "vision" of our properties acquired in the name of public use.

I would ask you, as the elected representatives, to investigate whether (1) it is necessary that our properties be moved at this time in order to obtain Corp of Engineers funding in 2007; (2) whether there is another use intended for Ed's properties on 'S' St.; (3) whether there can be any assistance to us for moving the houses to the location(s) on 'X' Street that are described in the attached letter (approximately 33<sup>rd</sup> and 'X').

Sincerely,



Barbara Morley  
[biolegal@earthlink.net](mailto:biolegal@earthlink.net)  
402-708-3137



*Municipal letter  
was sent W&D  
about 2041+2047'5'S.*

September 19, 2006

To: Barbara Morley, a married person

Re: Project Deadlines and Related Move-Out Dates – **House only (structure) at Tract 24** Lot 2, Block 6, Kinney's "O" Street Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska (2137 R Street).

The JAVA Board received a program report from the City's Urban Development Department regarding the status of house moving and the voluntary House Preservation and Infill Program (HPIP) at its regular meeting on June 8, 2006, Order No. 07-06. In an effort to motivate timely and fiscally sound progress, the Board directed the Antelope Valley Project Manager to provide the Urban Development Department and interested parties with program deadlines.

After reviewing project parameters as well as reviewing coordination needs and project clearance requirements with the USACE, I have determined that all house moving activities must be initiated with written notice to the Urban Development Department identifying a contractor and demonstrating the financial ability to timely complete the project (as approved by JAVA legal counsel) no later than **October 1, 2006 (Progress Notice)** and the actual move must be completed no later than **December 15, 2006 (Move-out Deadline)**. As the real property is currently owned by JAVA, and the terms and conditions of the transfer of the building to you was done "with the understanding that this property is involved with the City of Lincoln's Infill Housing Program." (Bill of Sale, July 25, 2005) I must see progress to accomplish your stated intentions. This Bill of Sale provided a basis for owners to begin house moving activities in consideration of timely and reasonable progress in the Program. The Bill of Sale corresponded to the concern that a house-mover would need proper documentation of ownership to assist you in actually moving the house and for no other reason.

Since you have been on notice since at least the Bill of Sale, there has been ample time to arrange for and complete the house moving. Yet, the house remains. In the event you have reversed your earlier position and no longer wish to move the house, please let me know as soon as possible. If Urban Development does not timely receive the Progress Notice, the Bill of Sale will be reversed and the house will be demolished accordingly.

As a matter of explanation, HPIP was developed out of an expressed concern to move houses. That goal remains elusive and for more than a year of concerted program efforts, no house has been moved.

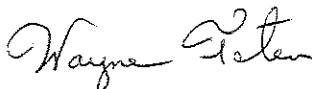
HPIP is not an entitlement nor was it designed to function as an additional remedy to supplement perceived shortfalls in the relocation assistance already provided. The HPIP remains a voluntary assistance program, separate from and unrelated to the relocation assistance provided for the Antelope Valley Project. The HPIP program goals were and remain to assist in house moving, primarily by providing very limited public funds to help close the gap in actual costs to move houses. The HPIP program was not designed to underwrite house moving regardless of the cost. In fact, every public hearing indicated that homeowners were interested in moving houses where possible, and would be motivated to do so, even without public assistance.

As reported at the June 8, 2006 JAVA Board meeting, the City's Urban Development Department has been actively working with Neighborworks, Inc., but several issues continue to delay progress on actually moving any houses. It appears from anecdotal reports that efforts to date, including the Bill of Sale from last July, have been counterproductive. Owners may have attempted to "negotiate" using the house as a means to bargain, or are simply holding out for certain "ideal" sites. While every effort has been made to accommodate lot size, neighborhood and related amenities for infill sites within reason, the Antelope Valley Project cannot be postponed to wait for ideal infill sites.

The time to act is upon us, and we must have the Progress in hand and subject to approval by JAVA legal counsel prior to October 1, 2006 (with or without use of HPIP) or the Bill of Sale will be reversed and the house will be demolished.

To facilitate the timely progress of the project, I have also enclosed a written Notice to Quit from JAVA legal counsel. I do so under instructions from the JAVA Board to administer the Antelope Valley Project under the deadlines so as to avoid any interference with project requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wayne Teten".

Wayne Teten  
Antelope Valley Project Manager

September 26, 2006  
700 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lincoln, NE 68503

Mr. Wayne Teten  
Project Manager JAVA

Dear Mr. Teten,

This letter is in response to your letters indicating that we have an October 2 deadline for showing "progress" on moving the houses at 2137 'R' St., 2041 'S' St., and 2047 'S' St.

In a previous conversation with, and letter to, Joel Pederson, I indicated that we would comply with your December 15, 2006 deadline for moving the houses, if your purpose for acquiring these properties is for a public use (specifically the use stated in the condemnation), and that the deadline was necessary for compliance with the Corps of Engineers. We are not "holding out" and we have not, and will not, attempt to delay any bona fide public use project nor the securing of funds for such. Is it not possible for you to perceive the truth: that we are honest, very hard-working people, trying to do the best with what little you've given us to work with? How can we be "holding out" for *more* when you've given us nothing.

When I spoke to Mr. Pederson, I related to him our attempts at making progress and the deterrents set up by JAVA and its affiliated individuals and organizations. Surely you know that we have spent hundreds of hours (and that is no exaggeration) trying to solve the issues related to moving these houses to the distances and imposed artificial scarcity of lots upon which you insist. Unnecessarily then, moving the houses has become a full-time job for both of us. We've gotten no positive results oriented, effective help, financial or otherwise, from either JAVA or the city of Lincoln or anyone else. It has been clear that JAVA does not want us to move these houses. Forcing us to look only at poor locations, at distances guaranteeing massive utility moving costs, is tantamount to prohibiting their relocation. (Look for example at the taxpayer dollars wasted on moving utilities for long distance relocation of the 'Triplets.' The distance of this move wiped out any inherent historical value, and would do the same to our properties.)

That notwithstanding, to date, we have identified lots better than the ones offered through JAVA, identified a qualified mover, gotten a site plan, and gotten approval to relocate at least one of the houses. More details are provided below.

I would spend more time on these issues, but my weekends are taken up by lawn care for land owned by JAVA. It was unilaterally determined by the city of Lincoln that this burden be placed on us until the houses are moved. My evenings have been spent dealing with the IRS audits resulting from the incorrect 1099 forms issued by the city of Lincoln. All of this during the year in which we also had to uproot, move and re-establish our personal housing and multiple businesses. I guess you think we've had nothing else to do for the past year.

Despite all of this, we have identified three lots within the Malone Neighborhood which, while much inferior to the existing locations of our properties, have the advantage of possible alternative use for NeighborWorks 'High School House' Infill Housing sites. These locations have in fact, been acquired by NeighborWorks. One of them sits under the overhang of a 3-story, thirty some unit apartment complex. Another is located lengthwise along a gravel alley while backing up to a row of notorious student party houses. The third is one house removed from the most notorious student party house in the neighborhood, and in addition there has been some doubt expressed as to whether the lot is accessible to house moving equipment. All of these lots involve the expensive

movement of several utility lines, something not involved in the locations we originally proposed, and still would like to have, along 'R' Street. For whatever reason, you have taken these off the table.

Beyond researching, and lining up these lots, we have actually purchased an old former professor's estate just east of 33<sup>rd</sup> on the north side of 'W' Street, which in addition to the restorable house, has a full 50' x 142' legally buildable vacant lot. At considerable effort and expense, we have cured encroachments on this lot by neighboring paved driveways, and fences. Possibly as many as half a dozen or more utility lines will have to be moved in getting there, and we are at this point waiting for an estimate of the associated costs of moving these lines.

Backing up to this restoration that we have been unavoidably sucked into on 'W' street, is nearly an entire block of substandard housing on X Street which we are proposing to replace with one or two of the houses we have to move. Starting on the corner of 34th & X the first two houses, each on 50' wide lots have just recently been involved in the bust of an indoor marijuana farming operation, and at least one of them is slated to be torn down by the owner. He says that he will sell them both for a total of \$80,000 with the lots cleared, about \$10,000-\$15,000 per lot more than we can justify paying.

'X' St is adjacent to the main east-west bike path running through Peter Pan Park and connecting UNL City Campus to East Lincoln. If ever there was an appropriate candidate for Antelope Valley related neighborhood revitalization, helping to clean up this decaying part of 'X' St along the bike path and park system would be it. But I find myself standing alone, personally out of pocket if I wish to see this accomplished. Just exactly what are you guys at JAVA good for?

It is my understanding from a conversation with Glenn Johnson that if the budget is not passed in September, the funds for Antelope Valley would not be forthcoming this year. It would seem to make your demands moot as there can be no deadline if the money won't be available. Congress is not going to pass the budget next week and they aren't going to be back in session until after the election.

The property at 2137 'R' St. was added to the JAVA acquisition list after the channel had already been designed in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, and is in fact not touched by the channel, or any part of its slope or landscaping. Beyond that, the existing landscape layout of this property is a better complement to the channel and associated linear park, than exists almost anywhere where else along Antelope Creek today. I find it hard to believe that its immediate removal is necessary for securing funding for the channel from the Corps of Engineers.

Your request for further information regarding our personal finances is vague, and the unilaterally determined deadline of October 2 for receipt of this information unconscionable. Since you have imposed a December 15 deadline for moving the houses, the October 2 deadline is unnecessary if you are being truthful about the use of the property and the deadline imposed by the Corps of Engineers. You are providing yet another roadblock to our progress by taking up more of our time jumping through more arbitrary hoops. We are all better off if we are allowed to concentrate on house moving and neighborhood restoration. If we are not able to complete our plans, we will let you know in a timely manner.

I apologize if this letter was not sent to you at a correct address. Please note that your letter does not have a return address nor does it provide any contact information.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Morley



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i'm in favor, i would visit your city and spend my money there. please concider the income for the other local businesses. This is also a family sport !!

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Subject motorsport facility in Lancaster County

Lancaster County Planning Commission,

On Thursday August 31, 2006 GS Motorsports, Inc. with the assistance of attorney Mark Hunzeker submitted an application to Mike Decal at the Planning Department for a Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County Nebraska located at Branched Oak Road to Davey Road on the east side of Hwy 77 North. I'm writing to inform you that I thoroughly support a motorsport facility in Lancaster County and more importantly, at that location. This is a step forward for Lincoln and Lancaster County to bring in entertainment, private dollars, & reduce the street racing taking place on public roads. I know as a registered voter, I can count on you to represent my position on this issue.

I will be at the public hearing regarding this permit.

Sincerely

Kelvin Blessing



JWalker@ci.lincoln.ne.us

09/22/2006 08:23 AM

To "Kelvin Blessing" <kelvin.blessing@gmail.com>

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Subject Re: Support: County Special Permit No. 06051, motorsport  
facility in Lancaster County

Dear Mr. Blessing:

Thank you for submitting your comments, which have now become part of the  
record on this application.

Please be advised that this application is tentatively scheduled for public  
hearing before the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission on  
Wednesday, October 11th. The regular meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Should  
the date or time change for this particular hearing, you will be notified.

The Planning Commission action on this application will be a recommendation  
to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

A copy of your comments are being submitted to each Planning Commission  
member for their consideration prior to the public hearing. A copy is also  
being provided to the applicant's representative.

If you have any questions about the public hearing or this process, please  
do not hesitate to contact me.

--Jean Walker, Administrative Officer  
City-County Planning Department  
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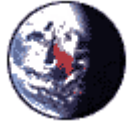
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On Thursday August 31, 2006 GS Motorsports, Inc. with the assistance of attorney Mark Hunzeker submitted an application to Mike Decal at the Planning Department for a Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County Nebraska located at Branched Oak Road to Davey Road on the east side of Hwy 77 North. I'm writing to inform you that I thoroughly support a motorsport facility in Lancaster County and more importantly, at that location. This is a step forward for Lincoln and Lancaster County to bring in entertainment, private dollars, & reduce the street racing taking place on public roads. I know as a registered voter, I can count on you to represent my position on this issue.

I will be at the public hearing regarding this permit.

Sincerely

Kelvin Blessing



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For City Council

From \_\_\_\_\_

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Re - Supporter of  
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Margaret Vogt

Thank, Re

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Subject Lincoln Water System - Project No. 701825 - Cheney Water  
Storage Reservoir

Caldwell Tanks, Inc. is disappointed to learn that the City of Lincoln has opted not to allow Caldwell Tanks, Inc. to bid for the upcoming elevated water tank project. We had an extensive conference call with the consulting engineers and our understanding was that Caldwell was considered an equal provider of these tanks. Caldwell is the largest provider of elevated water tanks in the United States, however the specification as written precludes our method of constructing the pedestal shaft for the tank and the City of Lincoln refuses to change it. The project specification is one typically provided by our competitors in the marketplace and is intentionally written to limit Full and Open Competition in the marketplace.

We would ask that you reconsider the decision and allow Full and Open Competition for the project. It will undoubtedly yield you a quality product at a much better price. Please review the following information that was provided for our conference call, including a letter from United States Congresswoman Anne Northup that has asked the American Water Works Association to expedite the completion of a National Standard in order to ensure the best use of public monies and fairness in competition in the market.

Thank you for your consideration,

John E. Kraft, P.E.  
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-----Original Message-----

From: John Kraft  
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 4:40 PM  
To: 'jday@oaconsulting.com'  
Cc: Rick A. Smith  
Subject: Lincoln Conference Call

We look forward to talking with you tomorrow at 8:00 CDT (9:00 EDT) regarding our qualifications to bid the Lincoln, NE project. Following is some information regarding our concerns. Feel free to forward it to other individuals that will be on the conference call.

Caldwell Tanks, Inc. would be pleased to offer a proposal for the above-referenced project. However, as the specification is written we would be precluded from bidding on the composite elevated style due to the qualification requirements and limitations placed on the methods of

construction for this style of tank.

Let me first give you a little background on Caldwell. In 2005, Caldwell was the largest provider of elevated water storage tanks in the U.S. and the second largest provider of the composite style elevated tank. We have true turnkey capabilities and never subcontract any vital portion of the work. We typically self perform the foundations, concrete pedestal shaft, tank fabrication and tank erection. We have recently purchased two painting contractors and will be self performing much of the field painting in the future. This will allow Caldwell to better control quality, cost and schedule for all our projects.

Competitors of Caldwell have routinely attempted to limit Full and Open competition by asking engineers and owners to utilize their standard specification, which places unreasonable experience requirements and limitations on the means and methods of construction (6' minimum pour height) in order to sole source a project to one of two potential bidders. These competitors also have a history of showing propaganda in attempts to portray Caldwell's work negatively and therefore limit a qualified competitor from bidding for work. Many of the photos and information they present to engineers and owners is false, misleading, and not representative of Caldwell's work.

There are two specific areas in this specification that we would like to discuss and restricts Caldwell from providing you a proposal. They relate to the experience requirements and the form pour height. To reiterate, both of these clauses are routinely used by our competitors to limit Full and Open competition:

1. Section 00100.20.1.3 states, "Bids will be accepted only from composite tank manufacturer's who meet all the criteria of the specification and have successfully completed at least five (5) composite elevated tanks of equal or greater capacity in the last five (5) years." This is reiterated in Section 13210.2.1.

The composite elevated tank is a relatively new design, and there are few companies that build these structures and only two that may meet this very specific requirement. Caldwell has built the composite elevated tank for more than ten years, ranging in capacity from 118,000 gallons to 2,500,000 gallons. This project is for a 2,000,000 gallon, alternate 1,500,000 gallon, and Caldwell has completed eight (8) tanks in this range and has completed thirty (30) one million gallon or greater composite elevated tanks. A reference List is attached hereto.

<<Composite Reference - All Tanks.pdf>>

At what point is a contractor deemed to be qualified based on experience? Caldwell is the largest elevated water tank manufacturer in the United States and one of the industry leaders in the composite tank style. Caldwell engineers sit on the American Water Works Association Committee for the development of a Standard for this tank design, and Caldwell is recognized by our peers and industry as a qualified provider of these tanks.

Understanding that there may or may not be Federal or State funds involved in this project, the Department of Commerce's "Requirements For Approved Construction Projects" states clearly that procurements "will be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition." It goes on to list some situations considered to be restrictive of competition including:

"Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business,"  
"Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding" and  
"Any arbitrary action in the procurement process."

The City of Lincoln may have its own Competition in Procurement requirements. However, with regards to past experience, I would trust that the City would agree that Caldwell is more than capable of building this tank based on experience.

2. Section 13210.3.1 in the third paragraph states, "Concrete pour height shall be a minimum of 6 feet and a maximum of 12 feet."

Requiring a minimum concrete pour height of 6 feet has no technical merit and is routinely used by our competitors to limit Full and Open Competition in the marketplace and prevents Caldwell from using our proven 4' forming system. Caldwell would suggest that the requirement be changed reflect the requirements of construction as stated in ACI 371R. The American Concrete Institutes ACI- 371R, "Guide for the Analysis, Design, and Construction of Concrete-Pedestal Water Towers" should be the document utilized for the construction of the concrete pedestal. This is the only published document that specifies design and construction requirements to ensure quality construction without limiting a contractor's means and methods for producing the final product. In fact, neither the ACI Guide nor the approved section of the future AWWA Standard for the composite elevated tank limit the form pour height. In order to preserve Full and Open Competition, the sentence, "Concrete pour height shall be a minimum of 6 feet and a maximum of 12 feet" should be deleted from the specification, or as a minimum, "6 feet" should be changed to "4 feet."

The attempts to intentionally limit Full and Open Competition has drawn the attention of funding agencies, as well as appropriations groups, including United States Congresswoman Anne Northup, a member of Congress's Appropriations Committee. I have attached a letter from Congresswoman Northup to the American Water Works Association detailing her concern that a fair standard has not been completed for the composite tank, leading engineers and owners to rely on contractors specifications that are arbitrary and favor the designs and construction methods of a few.

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We look forward to talking to you about these issues. In the meantime, I would welcome you to visit our website ([www.caldwelltanks.com](http://www.caldwelltanks.com)) for additional information on our capabilities and our forming system, including two videos; one detailing our general capabilities and the other detailing our construction of the Composite Elevated Tank.

Please do not hesitate to call me to discuss any questions you may have regarding our qualifications to bid this project. I would be pleased to come to your offices to meet with you regarding this project.

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**Congress of the United States**  
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**Washington, DC 20515**

June 7, 2006

Mr. James Wailes  
Secretary  
American Water Works Association Standards Council  
6666 West Quincy Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80235

Dear Mr. Wailes:

I am writing to express my concern at the lack of industry-approved standards for the construction of composite elevated tanks for water storage and to request your assistance in promulgating standards at the earliest possible time. I fear that the longstanding absence of composite elevated tank standards has created confusion among contractors and allowed unfair and anti-competitive behavior to be introduced into the bidding process for these tanks. Additionally, the standard would assure and protect owners and the general public that these structures are properly designed for safety and security of water systems in general.

As I understand it, all composite elevated tanks (CETs) are comprised of a steel water tank that is supported on a concrete pedestal, but may differ in the particular components and methods of construction. For instance, I know that some manufacturers of CETs utilize a four foot form height for the concrete pedestal shaft while others use six foot form systems but both are capable of producing the required concrete pedestal.

It is my understanding that the American Water Works Association (AWWA) established a committee to write these standards in 1992 and that several key sections of the standard have been approved, including Section 6 concerning concrete support structures. This section covers materials, design, and construction of the concrete support structure without limiting the methods for construction. However, despite 14 years of consideration the AWWA has been unable to agree upon standards for other aspects of these tanks, which has delayed the issuance of any standards.

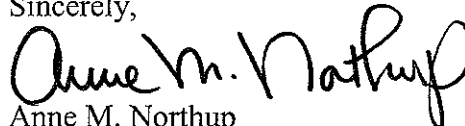
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not only unfairly excludes some manufacturers from competing for these contracts, but will inevitably force purchasers (including city, state, and federal governments) to pay more for these products than they would have if robust competition had been allowed. In fact, I know of at least one situation where a constituent of mine was prevented from bidding on a contract partially supported by federal funds because of specifications written by engineers for apparently arbitrary reasons. This concerns me as a matter of basic fairness and because when these projects are supported with public monies taxpayers and governments at all levels are being denied the benefits of full and fair competition.

It is my hope that you and the other members of the Standards Committee will work to resolve any impasses that may remain in your deliberations concerning composite elevated tanks so that the general interest of the public is protected and contractors are not unnecessarily barred from competing for contracts. If the Committee cannot release a comprehensive standard, then I would urge you to consider issuing the portions of standard the committee has already approved to help provide a fair playing field to firms now disadvantaged by the current situation.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If possible, I would appreciate an update on the status of the Standards Committee's consideration of standards for composite water storage tanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne M. Northup". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Anne M. Northup  
Member of Congress

cc: Paul Olson, P.E.  
Standards Engineer & Committee 170 Advisor  
American Water Works Association  
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Denver, Colorado 80235



Amanda Hefner  
<ahefner@NebrWesleyan.edu  
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09/26/2006 12:43 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Starship 9

To whom it may concern,

Greetings - I hope this email finds you well. My name is Amanda Hefner, and I am a senior student at Nebraska Wesleyan University. While my friends here and I may not all be native Lincoln residents, we still form a lively part of one of the most vital demographic groups in Lincoln: the college students; and it is our wish to appeal to you with regards to a most distressing matter.

It has come to our attention that the plan to demolish the Starship 9 theatre and the surrounding restaurants in order to construct another parking garage has met with initial approval. We beseech you to reconsider this project. The Starship 9 theatre is a Lincoln landmark - and a staple of weekend entertainment for a multitude of Lincoln residents (not just the college demographic) who greatly appreciate the city's only opportunity to enjoy movies in a theatre setting for a much lower price.

Certainly yes, many (myself included) would completely agree that more parking in that part of town would be wonderful - but I can speak for at least myself in saying that the primary reason I drive to that part of town in the first place is to go to the Starship! Or to grab burritos at Chipotle, or to enjoy some ice cream at the Cold Stone creamery. To destroy the Starship would be to destroy a vital part of downtown Lincoln.

Please, please, please do *\*not\** tear down the Starship 9. It would be a terrible loss for the Lincoln community. If, for whatever reason, it is absolutely imperative to somehow make more parking available in the area, then surely there must be another way.

Please think about the impact of what you are planning to do - on the college students, on those in Lincoln who can't afford to spend the money it takes to see a movie at the Grand, for example.

Please save the Starship 9 theatre.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hefner  
Student, Nebraska Wesleyan University



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09/25/2006 11:42 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: 06040

I fully support the downzoning of the 40th & A Neighborhood, to keep our area the quality neighborhood we have always enjoyed.

The examples I have witnessed of allowing recent multi-dwellings in the area have shown me only a downturn of the quality of living we deserve. One example of the undesirable elements in the area is the duplex recently built on the east side of 40th Street, between "F" Street and "G" Street. Repeated expressions of dissatisfaction with this unit have evidently gone unnoticed. The lack of maintenance, the garbage accumulation in the front yard and the repeated instances of disturbances created by the residents of this unit is a clear indication that we need down-zoning to maintain a respectable countenance in our neighborhood.

Please heed the concerns of the 40th & A Neighborhood Association in their efforts to maintain an area deserving of the respectability of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Nelson  
915 So. 41st St.  
Lincoln  
488-3126





"Brian Nehe"  
<bnehe@neb.rr.com>  
09/26/2006 06:40 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>  
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bcc  
Subject down-zoning

City Council Members,

Today's edition of the Lincoln Journal Star contains a small article about down-zoning in the 40<sup>th</sup> and A St. area. One of the reasons provided in the article for down-zoning is to reduce congestion and cars parked on the streets due to all of the duplex conversions. I wish this type of consideration was made in new housing developments.

Two years ago, I purchased a new home in the Stonebridge Creek development. Stonebridge Creek runs from I-80 to about Alvo Rd. and 14<sup>th</sup> to about 19<sup>th</sup>. I could have afforded a larger home in a nicer neighborhood, but with just my wife and I at home now, I wanted a smaller ranch home. I did not realize when I purchased my new home how many duplexes would be built right in the middle of single family home lots. If you want to see a street parking problem, visit my neighborhood at night or on the weekends. Last weekend, I counted seven notes within five blocks on vehicle windshields from the postal carrier due to cars blocking mailboxes. Concern to me, is the safety hazard associated with young children crossing streets between all of the parked cars. I rise at 5:30 a.m. in the morning to jog. Two duplexes (4 units) have no less than 22 cars parked in front of them at 5:30 a.m. But, Housing cannot do anything about the obvious zoning violations because they cannot prove that 22+ residents (all college age) live in the duplexes. If they are not "living" there at 5:30 a.m., then I don't want to know what they are doing.

The smaller lots in Stonebridge Creek, intended to allow for more affordable housing, has created another unintended problem. Property development companies like Timberline Development have purchased the lots, built cheap (from the property managers own mouth) homes, and are renting them out to college students. The homes are not cared for, parties are held on the weekends, trash lies in the yards, and there are 4-5 cars per house in some cases.

Intentions may have been good in the planning of the neighborhood, but the consequences have not met the intentions. The approved developments west of 14<sup>th</sup> by Hartland Homes and Fowler Homes will have the same result. Residents of Stonebridge Creek are dissatisfied with how the neighborhood has developed. The decision to down-zone 40<sup>th</sup> and A is probably a good decision. However, the same problem exists in a new neighborhood, so please give more consideration to new developments before continuing to make this mistake.

Regards,

Brian Nehe

Chairperson- Stonebridge Creek Homeowner's Association

7449 Whitewater Lane



Russell Miller  
<neb31340@alltel.net>  
09/28/2006 07:56 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov  
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Subject 40th & 'A' down-zoning

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27 Sept. 2006

Hello,

I am representing Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance and LNA is in favor of this down-zoning action. I apologize for submitting this testimony via e-mail but another situation prevented me from being available last Monday.

One of the agenda items in the LNA's Plan for Action is called Neighborhood Preservation which is concerned with actions that undermine home ownership.

Most first time home buyers are not aware of zoning and its implications and regulations as to what can develop on the neighboring properties or in the neighborhood. The easy assumption is that since the neighborhood has appeared this way the past 50 years, the appearance will remain permanent.

The real estate industry's 'Seller Disclosure Sheet' furthers this misconception because its 2 pages of detailed check off items leave the new buyer with the impression that it has covered everything. It does not mention zoning and the implications of the neighborhood zoning classification.

The adoption of this down-zoning action as proposed by the 40th & 'A' Neighborhood will help insure that new buyers and current home owners will realize that what you see now is what you get and there is a very high probability that it will stay that way in the future.

Thank you,  
Russell Miller for Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance  
daytime phone 499-2611

The following is the complete excerpt from LNA's Plan for Action about neighborhood down-zoning which closely follows a similar item in Lincoln's Comprehensive Plan.

**"Neighborhood Preservation .** Whereas zoning designations that conflict with current or historical use patterns create increased density that is detrimental to character of existing neighborhoods, undermines home ownership, and is beyond the neighborhood infrastructure capacity (parking, water, sewer, etc). Resolved: The city should support down-zoning in neighborhoods where strong support exists."



"Andy Beecham"  
<andy.beecham@emplid.com>  
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09/26/2006 12:53 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Proposed Group Home Changes

Dear Council Member,

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Sincerely,

Andy Beecham

Near South



<thewrightsinlincoln@alltel.net  
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09/26/2006 02:02 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Sincerely,  
Dana Wright  
7015 Beaver Hollow Circle  
Lincoln NE 68516



"Cheryl" <ccf@neb.rr.com>

09/26/2006 02:10 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject group homes

Dear Council members'

I am writing to express my opposition to changing the policy for group homes. As a retired special education teacher, I can speak from experience. Some of my students lived in group homes. Considering the behavior and needs of some of those students, it would be devastating to increase residents without increasing staff. This would have a negative impact, and be dangerous besides in some cases, to all concerned.

Therefore, I urge you to oppose changing the policy concerning group homes now in effect. Or if you allow an increase in residents, please allow for proper care and management by increasing staff accordingly.

Also, please do not create "institution" streets or areas of our city by allowing group homes to be closer together. For the residents of group homes, they deserve to be able to live in the community as you and I do, in neighborhoods of families, seniors citizens, etc.

Thank you

Cheryl Frederick



"Kate Banta"  
<kate@kbanta.org>  
09/26/2006 02:47 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>  
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Sincerely,

Katherine Banta



Amy Kobza Deutsch  
<akobza@alltel.net>

09/26/2006 03:40 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov, jcook@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Item #06R-190

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Sincerely,

Amy Kobza Deutsch  
2733 Kipling Circle  
Lincoln, NE 68516402-488-1007



"Matt & Cyn Brammeier"  
<brammat@inetnebr.com>

09/26/2006 04:13 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject 10/2 Meeting - #06R-190

[IMAGE]

City Council:

We will be out of town Monday, October 2 or we would speak at the council meeting. We are writing to STRONGLY urge you to vote against Item #06R-190 - the Group Home change.

We have the lion's share of the city's group homes in the Near South. We need to restrict their activity in all of our neighborhoods, not increase their profitability and proliferation.

Thank you,

*Cynthia & Matt Brammeier*

*1937 F St. Apt. 2*

*Lincoln, NE*

402.477.1692 [IMAGE]







Charlie Griesen  
<cgriesen@unlnotes.unl.edu>

09/26/2006 04:48 PM

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Subject vote against Item #06R-190

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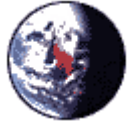
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Sincerely,

Charlie Griesen  
1800 S. 25th street  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
402-435-6713



"Katie Skean"  
<katieskean@hotmail.com>  
09/26/2006 05:14 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov  
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Subject Please vote against Item # 06R-190 (the group home change)

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Katie Skean



"Jenn Bassen"  
<sillyjenn@neb.rr.com>  
09/26/2006 10:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Meier-Bassen  
1927 Pepper Avenue  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
68502



"Brenda Wilcher"  
<bwilcher@neb.rr.com>  
09/26/2006 10:25 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>  
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Subject Group Home - Important Alert

Sample Letter:

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Sincerely,

Brenda J. Wilcher



"Sara Carlson"  
<saracarlson23@hotmail.com>

09/27/2006 07:37 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Sincerely, Sara Voss



"Julia Larson"  
<jlarson@NebrWesleyan.edu  
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09/27/2006 08:36 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Group Homes

[IMAGE]

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Sincerely,

**Julia Larson**

[jlarson@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:jlarson@nebrwesleyan.edu)

(402) 742-0266

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"melissa@landisarts.com"  
<melissa@landisarts.com>

09/27/2006 08:38 AM

Please respond to  
melissa@landisarts.com

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Vote NO -- Item #06R-190

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Sincerely,

Melissa McKibbin  
1735 South 16th St  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
melissa@landisarts.com

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Ruben Spretz  
<rspretz@yahoo.com>  
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To council@lincoln.ne.gov  
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Sincerely,

Ruben Spretz, Ph.D.  
1401 S 15th St.  
Lincoln, NE - 68502

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<williamc@team-national.com>  
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To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Say No to Group Home Change

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Sincerely,

William Carver  
2202 Washington St  
Lincoln Ne 68502



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<coraleec@team-national.com>

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To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Sincerely,

Corale Carver  
2202 Washington st  
Lincoln NE 68502



"Wendy Smith"  
<wsmith28@gmail.com>  
09/27/2006 03:37 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov  
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Sincerely,  
Wendy M. Smith

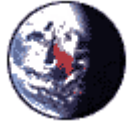
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Wendy Smith  
wsmith28@gmail.com

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"Learning takes time, experience,  
conversation, and repetition."

--Lucy West



"Sarah Bauman"  
<sarahweilbauman@hotmail.com>

09/27/2006 07:58 PM

To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

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Subject Item 06R-190

Dear Lincoln City Council;

I am writing to urge you to vote against 06R-190, the change to 66% more people allowed in group homes with no more personnel than are currently on duty. This is an injustice to the people who need care and a problem for the neighborhoods. Our neighborhood already has many group homes, many of which operate well. The item that also allows these homes to be adjacent to each other is terrible. This will make certain neighborhoods deteriorate. And, we can almost guess which neighborhoods!

Please do not vote this in.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bauman



jane84@inebraska.com

09/27/2006 08:52 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Sincerely,  
Margaret Skean  
1700 S. 21st Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502



"Philip" <noplace@alltel.net>

09/27/2006 10:29 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject

Dear Lincoln City Council, I used to live next door to a group home when I lived at 1215 S. 17th. We moved when one of the residents warned me that one of the other residents was eyeing my little girls. So I know about group homes. I hold nothing against the people who live in them. But they need more help, not less. In the Near South we recently were fortunate enough to have the City down zone the area which will strengthen the Near South Neighborhood. Please do not neutralize our small gain by allowing more residents per group home, and less supervision.

So I too am writing to STONGLY urge you to vote against Item #06R-190 - the Group Home change. Please do NOT increase the number of residents allowed in a home and please do NOT decrease the spacing requirements between homes.

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Sincerely,

Phil Porter  
2009 S. 24th St  
Lincoln. 68502



"Thena Kosmicki"  
<thenakosmo@alltel.net>

09/28/2006 09:28 AM

Please respond to  
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Sincerely,

Thena Kosmicki



**"Melinda Nolan"**  
**<kmcmnolan@neb.rr.com>**  
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Subject Group Homes Item #06R-190

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**Melinda Nolan**

**Lincoln, NE**





<MJC62@netscape.com>

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To "City Council" <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject Group Home Changes

The purpose of this email is to voice my opinion that the changes in Group Home rules are not in anyone's best interest except the owners who will increase their profits. Please vote against these changes.

Thank you. M.J. Callahan

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**ADDENDUM  
TO  
DIRECTORS' AGENDA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006**

**I. MAYOR -**

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of September 30 through October 6, 2006 - Schedule subject to change.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City of Lincoln Earns Silver Level "Well Workplace" Designation.
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: 48<sup>TH</sup> & "R" Intersection To Close Monday Night.
4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Ground Broken For New NSAA Headquarters At Haymarket Park.

**II. CITY CLERK - NONE**

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

**B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

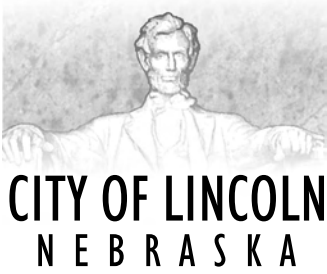
**HEALTH**

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13. E-Mail from Dick & Jacqui Herman - RE: Do not change group home policy.
14. E-Mail from Marge Schlitt - RE: About Group Homes.
15. E-Mail from Kerri Hiatt - RE: Opposed to Group Home proposal.
16. Letter from Dallas D. Jones, Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt, LLP - RE: Item 16, 06R-190, In opposition to the proposal to allow the number of group home residents in a house to increase from 3 persons to 5 persons.
17. E-Mail from Jeff & Patty Steffensmeier - RE: Opposed to the proposal to increase the number of residents allowed in group homes & the proposal to eliminate the current separation requirements.
18. E-Mail from Don Anderson - RE: In support of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association zoning change.



# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: September 29, 2005

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

## **Mayor Seng's Public Schedule** **Week of September 30 through October 6, 2006** *Schedule subject to change*

Tuesday, October 3

- City-County Common meeting - 8:30 a.m., Room 113, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street
- Mental Health Awareness Week, remarks and proclamation - 8:45 a.m., BryanLGH West Conference Center, lower level of West Medical Plaza, 2222 South 16th Street
- Bryan LGH Medical Center and American Heart Association "Get Lincoln Walking" campaign - 10 a.m., BryanLGH East Medical Plaza, 1600 South 48th Street
- WorkWell Annual Banquet, remarks and presentation of awards - 11:30 a.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 South 24th Street

Wednesday, October 4

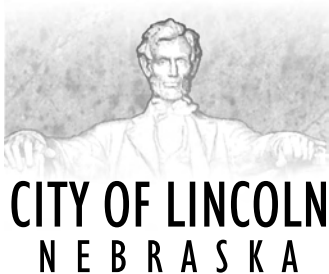
- Safe Kids Walk, remarks, proclamation and honorary crossing guard - 2:15 p.m., Huntington Elementary, 2900 North 46th Street

Thursday, October 5

- Community Learning Centers trip to Kansas City schools - all day

Friday, October 6

- Government Square Dedication, remarks and proclamation - 5 p.m., 10th and "O" streets
- Regional meeting of Burlington Northern Santa Fe retirees, remarks - 6:15 p.m., Howard Johnson Inn, 5250 Cornhusker Highway



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **CITY-COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT**

555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7597, fax 441-8748

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 29, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bill Kostner, Risk Manager, 441-7671  
Lisa Henning, WorkWell, 441-8049

### **CITY OF LINCOLN EARNS SILVER LEVEL “WELL WORKPLACE” DESIGNATION**

The Wellness Councils of America (WELCOA) will present the City of Lincoln with a Well Workplace Silver Award at the 20th annual WorkWell banquet Tuesday, October 3. The Silver Well Workplace Award recognizes organizations and companies that are supportive of employees' efforts to modify health risks and improve overall health and well-being. Six others will receive awards at the banquet, which begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Lincoln. Mayor Coleen J. Seng will give opening remarks and help present the awards.

“We have a dedicated group of Wellness Committee representatives that strive to encourage healthy practices among all employees,” said Bill Kostner, Risk Manager for the City of Lincoln. “We have also worked closely with Coventry Healthcare, our health insurance carrier, to encourage a healthy lifestyle among all employees. Studies have shown that wellness programs are not only a good deal for employees – helping with morale and productivity – but they are also one of the few proven methods to reduce health insurance claims costs.”

Others receiving awards are Nebraska Heart Hospital - Silver; Nebraska Heart Institute - Silver; BryanLGH Medical Center - Gold; Union Bank - Gold; UNL Campus Recreation - Gold; and Lincoln Plating Company - Platinum re-certification.

WELCOA developed the Well Workplace Awards Initiative in 1991 to advance an aggressive national worksite wellness agenda. Since its inception, more than 700 corporations, health care systems, public agencies, and educational institutions – employing more than one million people – have met the criteria and have been recognized as some of “America’s Healthiest Companies.”

WorkWell is a local wellness council serving about 95 businesses that employ 55,000 workers. It is the only wellness council in the nation with a true local government - private partnership. WorkWell is celebrating its 20th year of service in Lincoln and southeastern Nebraska.



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

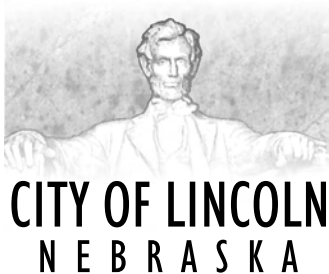
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Larry Duensing, Public Works and Utilities, 441-8401

### **48TH AND "R" INTERSECTION TO CLOSE MONDAY NIGHT**

Beginning at 9 p.m. Monday, October 2, the intersection of 48th and "R" streets will close for asphalt resurfacing. The work, which is part of the 48th and "O" Street area improvements, is scheduled to be completed by 6 a.m. Tuesday, October 3 in order to minimize traffic disruptions.

During this time, access to local businesses for vehicular traffic will be maintained.



# NEWS RELEASE

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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 28, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831  
Jim Tenopir, Nebraska School Activities Assn., 489-0386

## **GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW NSAA HEADQUARTERS AT HAYMARKET PARK**

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) today broke ground for the NSAA's new headquarters at Haymarket Park. The new building also will house the Nebraska Coaches Association and the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.

"We are very pleased that the NSAA has chosen to make this investment in Lincoln, and we are very excited to see construction begin," said Mayor Seng. "With Lincoln's strong sports tradition, this project is a perfect fit for the City and the NSAA." Construction is expected to be completed on the NSAA complex in early fall 2007.

NSAA Executive Director Jim Tenopir said the organization has outgrown its existing 6,000-square-foot building in east Lincoln and has been planning for a new location for several years. The new 25,000-square-foot building will be built on City-owned land directly north of Haymarket Park. The vacant site is in the area now leased to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball team. The lease has been amended to include the NSAA as a long-term tenant.

"We are pleased to be able to build in the Haymarket area," said Tenopir, "and we are pleased with the cooperation from the City of Lincoln, the University and NEBCO Inc. We are pleased that Lincoln will continue to be the home for the NSAA."

The NSAA is a non-profit organization of public and private high schools formed in 1910. The NSAA is the statewide organization that governs and administers interscholastic high school activities.

The Nebraska Coaches Association has been conducting clinics since the mid-1940s and was incorporated in 1974 as a professional organization to provide membership and support to the State's athletic coaches. Its current offices are in Van Dorn Plaza.

The Hall of Fame Foundation is a non-profit organization formed about 10 years ago to preserve the history of high school sports. The Hall of Fame would be a showcase for the history of high school athletics and a repository for all memorabilia associated with Nebraska high school athletics.



# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 28, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Brian Baker, 441-8046

## INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

In neighborhoods all around the world, Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> will be observed as “International Walk to School Day”. The community recognition of International Walk To School Day will be an all-school assembly at 2:10 p.m. in the Huntington Elementary School all-purpose room. Special guests include Mayor Coleen J. Seng and City Council representatives Ken Svoboda and Patte Newman, Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. E. Susan Gourley, Lincoln Board of Education Vice-President, Lillie Larsen, and Health Director, Bruce Dart. In Lincoln, as in other cities throughout the U.S., adults and children will walk to school together to raise awareness about pedestrian safety, the health benefits of walking, the importance of walkable communities, and the cleaner air around the schools resulting from fewer vehicles.

Local “Walk to School Day” Activities include:

- Walk to School Day will be observed in a special way the afternoon of October 4<sup>th</sup> when students, families and staff from Huntington Elementary School gather together at 2:10 p.m. in the school’s all-purpose room for an all-school assembly with special guests Mayor Coleen J. Seng and City Council representatives Ken Svoboda and Patte Newman. Representatives from Federal Express, a national sponsor of “Walk to School Day”, will also be present.
- After the all-school assembly, when school is excused for the day, Mayor Seng and City Council members will serve as honorary crossing guards, assisting the students in safely walking home.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Huntington Elementary School students will be participating in a Walk To School educational day. Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will include stations on:

- Instructing students how to choose safe routes to school using an interactive computer program facilitated by Safe Kids members.
- The dangers of playing and/or walking near high profile, large vehicles. Federal Express representatives will put children in the driver’s seat of their delivery trucks so they can experience the difficulty of viewing pedestrians around the large vehicle.
- Simple exercises to keep physically fit.
- How to safely use crosswalks. Students will be taken to neighborhood crosswalks and volunteers from Safe Kids will discuss how to safely cross the street.



## **Fact Sheet On** **Child Pedestrian Injuries and the Health Status of Children**

- Pedestrian injury is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among U.S. children ages 5 to 14. Approximately 700 child pedestrians 14 years of age and under are killed each year. Another 35,000 are treated in emergency rooms as a result of pedestrian injuries.
- During the three year period 2000-2002, 1,338 of Lancaster County children under 15 years of age were treated in emergency departments of local hospitals for pedestrian-related injuries. Approximately half of these involved a collision with a motor vehicle, and half involved a collision with a bicycle. This translates into more than one child per day being treated in local hospitals for pedestrian-related injuries. This does not include the many incidents and injuries that were less severe.
- Nationally, fewer than 1 in 4 children walk or bike to or from school. Only 31% of children who live within 1 mile of school make the trip on foot. Of those students living within 2 miles of school, less than 2% make that trip by bicycle.
- The International Consensus Conference on Physical Activity Guidelines for Adolescents recommends that all adolescents should be physically active daily, or nearly every day, as a part of play, games, sports, work, transportation, recreation, physical education, or planned exercise in the context of family, school, and community services. Additionally, adolescents should engage in three or more sessions per week of activities that last 20 minutes or more at a time and require moderate to vigorous levels of exertion. Children living within 1 mile of their school could meet this recommendation by walking or biking to school.
- The National Association for Sports and Physical Education (NASPE) recommends that elementary school-aged children should accumulate at least 30 to 60 minutes of age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate physical activity from a variety of activities on most days of the week. Some of the minutes accumulated should be in periods lasting 10 to 15 minutes or more and include some moderate to vigorous activity with brief periods of rest and recovery. Children living within 1 mile of their school could meet this recommendation by walking or biking to school.
- Auto emissions are the largest cause of air pollution in Lincoln. Children's respiratory systems are especially at risk from air pollution. Large numbers of cars dropping off and picking up children at schools disproportionately increases the amount of air pollution in a small area for a significant amount of time five days out of each week for 9 months of the year, every year.
- In Nebraska, an estimated 106,000 students in grades K-12 are either overweight or obese. (Source: Nebraska Health & Human Services System Overweight Among Nebraska Youth 2002-2003.)



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Subject possible group home change

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Sincerely,  
Sue Wilson  
1447 Garfield  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
402-477-4343 (home)

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<forty\_and\_a\_neighborhood@hotmail.com>  
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Subject 40th & A Neighborhood Association Change of Zone

Dear Council Members:

As you are aware, the 40<sup>th</sup> & A Neighborhood Association's application for a change of zone is awaiting action on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council's agenda. We want to offer our sincere thanks to you for the time and attention you have put forth on the matter. The application has been a learning process for the Association and each of us now has a fuller appreciation for the complex considerations that go into city planning.

We also want to take this opportunity to remedy a possible misunderstanding that may have arisen during the September 25<sup>th</sup> public hearing before the Council. We have never intended to convey the message that the 40<sup>th</sup> & A Neighborhood Association is against renters and/or rentals. We know from experience that the overwhelming majority of both the landlords who own rental properties within our boundaries and the tenants who reside within these properties are responsible members of our community and our neighborhood is enriched by the contributions they make to it.

Rather, our neighborhood association undertook this downzoning project to preserve one of the things that makes our neighborhood so attractive to renters and homeowners alike—its moderate density. While our neighborhood currently has a nice mix of duplexes and single family dwelling homes, the common consensus within our neighborhood—as evidenced by the petition signatures submitted—is that were more multiple family dwellings to be permitted, it would unduly burden our existing infrastructure.

We hope this clears up any misunderstanding and we want to thank you again for the time you give to the City of Lincoln and for considering our change of zone application.

Best Regards,

Joel Bacon

On behalf of the 40<sup>th</sup> & A Neighborhood Association Board



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Sincerely, Elizabeth Davids



**Kathleen Barrett**  
<k8barrrt@yahoo.com>

09/30/2006 12:17 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Proposed increase for group homes

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed increase in the number of clients allowed to live in a group home. I have worked in mental health and developmental disabilities services for many years and I think that this proposal would be detrimental to client care in these settings.

Kathleen Barrett  
3340 Prescott Avenue  
Lincoln, NE 68506

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Fred <fred@witherbeena.org>  
bcc  
Subject Group home density change

Dear Council Members:

I oppose the proposed changes to the Group Home resident density and spacing requirements. I ask you to do what you can to protect Lincoln neighborhoods.

Neighborhood life deteriorates with increased density, and the residents of group homes deserve the attention that lower staff ratios provide.

By all means find a way to meet the federal requirements, but please find a way to do it that does not compromise the quality of life for all of us.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the city council meeting on Monday to make my remarks in person. I am an invited speaker at Lincoln Northeast High at that time on Monday. I will be teaching in "Family and Consumer Science" classes essential knowledge for growing, preserving, and protecting healthy families. I hope that while I am doing so, you will be doing what you can to preserve and protect the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for consideration and your service to our community,

Richard Bagby  
389 S 47th St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Vice President, Witherbee Neighborhood Association



Brian Corr  
<bcorr@neb.rr.com>  
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Subject against group home policy change

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Sincerely,

Brian Corr  
1001 S. 37th

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Subject Against Group home change in residential areas

Please vote against the change being looked at for group homes. I live in the Clinton neighborhood. And with the lower rents, and property values we have more than our share of group homes. We need to protect our property values, home ownership and our sense of neighborhood. It's a fact, that people are hesitant to buy in an area that has numerous group homes. Our neighborhood has worked to try to increase home ownership for many years. We need to keep from having a possibility of blocks of group homes taking over a neighborhood. At this time I have a group home at the end of my block. I don't know what type of offenders live there - which is a concern for a single woman living alone. At one time there were 2 group homes within 2 blocks. And at that time there were registered sex offenders living there. There is a need for these homes, not just for offenders but also for the mentally or physically challenged. But I feel that concentrating them in one area will harm that neighborhood. Each neighborhood should be willing to have some group homes, but changing the requirements isn't the answer. Larger concentration in one area is not a good thing for those of us trying to increase our property values, maintain a family friendly atmosphere and make our neighborhoods a safer place to live.

Thank you

Renee Malone

Past President Clinton Neighborhood Org.





"Donna Vantassel"  
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To council@lincoln.ne.gov

cc announcements@witherbeena.org, svantassel2@unl.edu

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Subject Group Home Proposal

I am sending this email to show opposition to the proposal that would increase the number of residents allowed in group homes. The proposal also says the group home developer and operator would not have to meet current separation requirements between group homes - thus allowing group homes to be concentrated in a neighborhood. This is a good deal for one specific developer and a bad deal for neighborhoods.

Disabled persons deserve to have the services and the staffing necessary to accommodate their needs. If a group home has a legitimate need to increase the number of persons permitted, they have the ability to request a special permit so this change is unnecessary.

This policy change is bad for group home residents; bad for the neighborhoods they are a part of, and bad for the City of Lincoln. Both common sense and case law supports the current policy.

For the safety of all concerned, we ask that you reconsider the implications of this proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen & Donna Vantassel  
701 S. 55th Str.  
Lincoln, Ne. 68510

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Sincerely, daniel and june russell , 2626 c st.



"Bristol Prai"  
<brito12345@hotmail.com>

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Subject WE LOVE THE STARSHIP 9

You cant get rid of the starship 9. It has history, not to mention is a very good source of cheap entertainment for poor college students who live near by. And there is no need for more parking garages downtown...Isnt there a parking garage a block from the theatre?

Please dont tear it down!

Born and raised Lincolnite,  
Bristol Prai



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<none@lincoln.ne.gov>

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To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

Name: Karen Vogeley  
Address: 3535 Frost Court  
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone:  
Fax:  
Email: karenna\_ne@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

I have recently learned a consent degree (Item #06R-190) regarding a change to group homes for a non-profit corporation named Developmental Services of Nebraska will be on your Monday, October 2nd agenda.

As I understand it, this consent decree allows the company to place more disabled persons in a group home but does not require an increase in the number of staff for them. In addition, the spacing rules between group homes will be eliminated.

Will these rule changes benefit the disabled persons? Less staff for them, living in close proximity to other group homes rather than having their abode blend in a residential area seems to be a decline in services for them.

Please deny this for the sake of the disabled unless it can be proven that it will benefit them.



"Kitty Fynbu"  
<misskitty@neb.rr.com>  
10/01/2006 11:09 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject against group home spacing change

Yes, it's cut and paste, but why rewrite what is already so well expressed below?

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to **STRONGLY** urge you to vote against Item #06R-190 - the Group Home change. Please do **NOT** increase the number of residents allowed in a home and please do **NOT** decrease the spacing requirements between homes.

The current City policy has done a good job of helping provide proper services for group home residents. Disabled persons deserve to have the services and the staffing necessary to accommodate their needs. If a group home has a legitimate need to increase the number of persons permitted, they have the option to request a special permit, so this change is unnecessary.

Increasing the number of persons allowed is basically a profit for the company that is pushing these changes. Profits for the company should not override group home residents', and their neighbors', safety. The Spacing requirements have been upheld by the federal court as beneficial to group home residents.

Please do the right thing and retain our current resident number and spacing requirements. What matters most is the safety of our city for group home residents and their neighbors, not the profits of the companies running these homes.

Sincerely,  
Kitty Fynbu



SEM  
<smdoodzie@yahoo.com>  
10/02/2006 06:14 AM

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Subject #O6R-190

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Sincerely,

Susan E. Marx  
1601 A Street  
Past Vice-President  
Near South Neighborhood Association

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"Denise Kjar"  
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Subject #06R-190

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Sincerely,

Denise Kjar  
2121 F Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
477-7051



june russell  
<junebug007@neb.rr.com>  
10/02/2006 08:07 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov, council@ci.lincoln.ne.us  
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Subject

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Sincerely,  
JMRussell





"Dick Herman"  
<diherma@inebraska.com>

10/02/2006 08:00 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Do not change group home policy

We have lived next to one or more group homes in our residential block and the experience is (a) challenging and (b) discouraging, i.e., having to call the health department to get garbage picked up...List the Hermans as opposed to the proposed increased concentration of group homes...Dick and Jacqui Herman 1635 Euclid Ave.



**Marge Schlitt**  
<margeschlitt@mindspring.com>

10/02/2006 08:45 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject about Group Homes

Dear City Council Members,

I am totally in favor of Group Homes in Lincoln. They are a great way to help people who can't live independently but don't need to be institutionalized. We have a group home four houses away from ours in the Near South Neighborhood.

I also believe that Group Homes should be placed in all parts of Lincoln, not concentrated in the Historic Areas with older homes. How about dividing the city into one square mile blocks and not allow additional Group Homes in the older areas until there is at least one Group Home in each of the Square Mile Blocks?

In addition, I am concerned that increasing the number of people allowed in each home without increasing the staff would diminish the care, attention, and supervision given to the residents.

The present regulation on Group Homes was passed intentionally many years ago to address the problem of lack of regulation. I believe it represents the feelings of the majority of people in Lincoln. Please do not change it. And please be willing to take this issue to court, if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration. And thank you all for being willing to serve on the City Council - you are appreciated!



Kerri M Hiatt  
<khiatt@unlnotes.unl.edu>

10/02/2006 08:51 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Group home proposal

We are opposed to the proposal that would increase the number or residents allowed in group homes. The proposal also says the group home developer and operator would not have to meet current separation requirements between group homes - thus allowing group homes to be concentrated in a neighborhood. We feel that this would not be in the best interest of the residents of the group home or the neighborhoods they are in.

Kerri Hiatt  
634 So. 42nd Street



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555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Item #06R-190

Dear Council Members:

I am writing in opposition to the proposal to allow the number of group home residents in a house to increase from 3 persons to 5 persons.

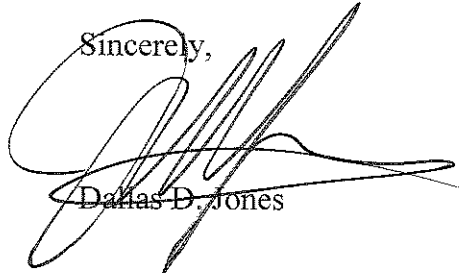
My family and I purchased a historic home in the Near South Neighborhood (1900 South 25<sup>th</sup> Street) seven years ago. We did so after exercising careful and due diligence to determine the status of the neighborhood and which direction it was going. We determined that the large, historic homes were being reconverted to family residences. Accordingly, we have invested significant amounts of time and money restoring our home to replicate its appearance when built in 1912. Our primary concern with the neighborhood seven years ago, and now, is the concentration of group homes. While the neighborhood is not without other problems, the high density of group homes in it is my primary concern. Increasing the number of residents who may stay in those homes is inconsistent with the highest and best use of the property in the neighborhood given the definite trend that exists. It does not encourage those with the money to invest in the neighborhood to do so. To the contrary, it discourages those of us who have the ability to re-establish the neighborhood to move south into the newer neighborhoods contributing to other, obvious problems that have been the subject of much debate in the council in past years. The entire city benefits from the revitalization of old neighborhoods. Only the proprietors of the group homes benefit from increasing the density of the residents in them.

As you are well aware, if a group home can demonstrate a legitimate need to increase the number of persons permitted in the home, the home may obtain a special permit to accommodate

that need. Adopting a whole-sale change will tend to erode significant progress that old neighborhoods such as Near South have made to revitalize themselves, reinvest in themselves, and contribute to the overall health of the City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dallas D. Jones", written over the printed name.

Dallas D. Jones

DDJ/jlr



"Steffensmeier, Jeff"  
<Jeff.Steffensmeier@cardinal.  
com>

10/02/2006 09:15 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Group Homes

We oppose the proposal to increase the number of residents allowed in group homes & the proposal to eliminate the current separation requirements.

Spacing requirements have been upheld by the federal courts as beneficial to group home residents. Eliminating the spacing requirements could create an institutional setting within a residential neighborhood.

Please vote no on these proposals.

Thank you for your time on these issues.

Jeff & Patty Steffensmeier  
3353 M Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510



**Don Anderson**  
<donmaryand@yahoo.com>

10/02/2006 09:32 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject

I am sending this e-mail in support of the Witherbee Neighborhood Ass. zoning change. Older neighborhoods need to be protected against a duplex or apartment building that are slipped in among single family homes.

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